

Appl. No. 10/027,558
Amdt. dated Oct. 19, 2005
In Response to Office Action of Sep. 12, 2005

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached first sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure 5. The first sheet, which includes only Figure 5, replaces the original sheet, including only Figure 5. In Figure 5, references were changed in conformance with the specification.

The attached second sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure 6. The second sheet, which includes only Figure 6, replaces the original sheet, including only Figure 6. In Figure 6, references were changed in conformance with the specification.

Attachment: Two Replacement Sheets of Drawings

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are pending in the present application. The drawings and the specification stand objected to. Claims 1-5, 14-16 and 18 stand objected to due to noted informalities. Claims 6-13 and 19-27 stand rejected. Claim 17 is allowed.

The drawings have been amended to overcome the objection as set forth in the Office Action. Two replacement drawings have been attached. Each replacement drawing has been labeled "Replacement Sheet". It is therefore respectfully requested that the objection be withdrawn with respect to the drawings.

The specification has been amended to overcome informalities noted by the Examiner and Applicants. It is respectfully requested that the objection be withdrawn with respect to the specification.

Claim 17 has been allowed.

Claims 1-5, 14-16 and 18 stand objected to due to informalities noted by the Examiner. Applicants have amended particular claims as suggested by the Examiner. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's assistance in these matters.

Claims 6-13 and 19-27 stand rejected. In order to expedite the allowance of the present application, Applicants plan to pursue the subject matter as set forth in claims 6-13 and 19-27 in a continuation application. Thus, claims 6-13 and 19-27 have been cancelled without prejudice. In no way is this to be construed as an affirmation of the Examiner's characterization of the documents of record, individually or combined, or the Examiner's characterization of the elements as set forth in the claims. Applicants respectfully reserve the right, in the future, to vigorously pursue the patentable subject matter as set forth in claims 6-13 and 19-27.

In view of at least the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims 1-5 and 14-18 are in condition for allowance. It is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance. If anything remains in order to place the present application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge additional fees or credit overpayments to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michael T. Cruz", written over a horizontal line.

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Attachment: Two Replacement Drawings, Each Labeled "Replacement Sheet"